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4	Beneficiary Oriented Scheme for Tribal Development	133.15
5	India Eco Development Project (EAP)	18.13
6	Western Ghats Forestry Project (DFID aided)	34.37
7	Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project (JBIC aided)	32281.00
8	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project	365.21
9	Non Timber Forest Produce	18684.00
10	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	308.15
11	Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries	514.89
12	Modern Forest Fire Control Methods	106.59
13	National River Conservation Plan	834.65
14	Project Elephant	176.00
15	Biosphere Reserve	83.30

Trade of animal skins in Delhi

4349. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Trade in animal skins rising in capital" reported in the Times of India dated 28th May, 2001;

(b) if so, whether various Central agencies have totally failed to check the trade of animals skins;

(c) if so, whether Government have chalked out any strategy to check the trade of animal skins; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Central agencies have apprehended a large number of offenders indulging in illegal trade of wild animal skins and other parts and products during the last few years.

(c) and (d) The details of strategy and other measures taken by the Government to control illegal trade in wild animal skins and parts and products are given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Trade of Animal Skins in Delhi

(1) Steps taken at the State level :

(i) Legal protection has been provided to wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(ii) State level and District level coordination committees have been set up in several States to prevent poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(2) Steps taken at National level :

(i) Government of India has set up Regional and Sub-regional Offices for wildlife preservation in major export and trade centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wild animals and their products.

(ii) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders. Anti poaching efforts are being coordinated with INTERPOL.

(iii) Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz. Project Tiger, Project Elephant, Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries and Eco-development around Protected Areas for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure of the States for providing effective protection to wild animals. Financial assistance is, in particular, being provided for raising 'Strike Forces' and providing arms to the protection staff for combating the organised poachers. Assistance is also provided for giving rewards to the informers for eliciting information about poachers and smugglers.

(iv) A Special Coordination and Enforcement Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Secretary, Environment & Forests, Government of India, for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife

(v) Export of wild animals and their derivatives is prohibited under EXIM policy.

(vi) A National Conference of Forests and Environment Ministers of State Government was held on 29th and 30th January, 2001. It was resolved to organise existing protection staff into viable formations for effective control of poaching and to create enforcement infrastructure both within and out side protected areas.

(vii) Ministry of Home Affairs has written to all the State Governments to lend a helping hand to the field formations to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(3) Steps taken at International level.

(i) Government of India seeks international Co-operation under the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) for control of illegal trade in wildlife items.

(ii) To control transboundary trade a protocol has been signed with Peoples' Republic of China and a MOU has been singned with His Majesty's Government of Nepal.

(iii) A Global Tiger Forum of Tiger Range Countries has been created for addressing international issues related to Tiger Conservation.

Seminar on Custodial Justice for Women

4350. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Women organised a seminar on 17/18th May, 2001, to examine and assess the implementation of Iyer Committee's recommendations on custodial justice for women prisoners in different States;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Iyer Committee, the action taken by Government thereon and the reaction of the National Commission for Women;

(c) the number of women prisoners in different States; and

(d) the changes sought to be made in the existing law, in the light of Iyer Committee's report?